

P.F.41664.

31A

CROSS-REFERENCE.Subject:— "Joseph" (Otto KATZ)

26.5.33. "Joseph" writing to Isabel BROWN from Paris says that after his return he has been so overcharged with work that he did not find an opportunity of writing to her. Thanks her for all her help. Asks her to send them immediately a complete list of all members of the English committee which is wanted for a special issue of their WIR bulletin. Will write to her in detail in a couple of days, as soon as he finds a little more time.

(R.233.C.)

Original in O.F.16/1 Vol.4. 134c.
dated

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Copy in OF.16/1

PF.41664/DS9

Superintendent Canning,
Special Branch.

Many thanks for your interesting report on Otto KATZ forwarded under your 300/WIR/32 of 18.5.33.

This man is clearly not identical with the writers of exhibits A and B sent to you by us on 25th April. On the other hand it is quite definite that he is an important agent of [Willi MUNZENBERG] and that he comes over here in connection with business of the W.I.R. and other subsidiary organisations of the Comintern. We are therefore anxious that his name should still appear in the Suspect Book.

In the meantime we are not satisfied as to his real identity, and should be most grateful if the Czecho-Slovakian Consul in London could be induced to assist by (a) checking the photograph of Otto KATZ with that of the individual who applied for a passport in Zurich, and (b) ascertaining the circumstances under which the application was made, i.e. what proof did KATZ give of his identity, did he hand in an old passport or did he present a birth certificate, etc. There would be no harm in communicating the above particulars to the Czecho-Slovakian Consul in London and informing him further that the holder of the passport in the name of Otto KATZ is known in Communist circles as "Rudolf KATZ" and also sometimes as "Joseph".

25th May 1933.

Copy in PF 47298 FEISTMANN Rudolf
Copy in OF 16/1

PF.41664/DS9

25th May 1933

Dear V.V.,

With reference to your Cx.6690/V dated 11.5.33.:-

1. Otto KATZ arrived in this country again on May 16th giving as his address 306 rue St. Honoré, Paris. He stated that he was of Czecho-Slovakian nationality. He was in possession of Passport No.16/33 in the name of Otto KATZ, issued Zurich 20th March 1933, and valid till 3rd March 1937, which showed that he was born at Jistebnice, near Prague on 27th May 1895. Mons. Vysekal, First Secretary of the Czecho-Slovakian Consulate, has made a microscopic examination of the photograph, the fasteners which fixed it to the passport, the Consulate stamp, the holder's signature and the signature of the Czecho-Slovakian representative at Zurich, Mons. HOLY, after which he had no hesitation in declaring that the holder was the person to whom it was granted, and that the passport was genuine. A specimen of the man's handwriting and a copy of his photograph, both of which are attached, were taken at the time.

As before, KATZ stated that he was here in connection with a book that he was writing on post-war conditions in London.

I would now refer you to para.(b) of Miller's letter to you PF.41664/DS9 of 17th May 1933, which refers to a letter signed by "Rudolf", and addressed to the W.I.R. people here. There is no doubt that the man who signed this letter in the name of "Rudolf" is identical with the individual referred to above as Otto KATZ. We also have two reports here from an independent source showing that Otto KATZ, when he was last here was known as "Rudolf KATZ". It is, therefore, established that Otto KATZ who holds Czecho-Slovakian passport No.16/33 issued Zurich 20.3.33., showing him to have been born at Jistebnice, Prague, on 27.5.95, is identical with the man signing himself "Rudolf" who writes from Paris to the W.I.R. here, and also with the man known to the Party here as Rudolf KATZ.

The letter, however, referred to above, from "Rudolf" to the W.I.R. suggests that "Rudolf" is not the actual Otto KATZ, since he requests that a copy of the "Daily Telegraph" should be sent to Mr. Otto KATZ, Paris, rue St.Honoré 306 "who will pass it on."

There is, further, another individual writing from Paris who signs "p.p.Willi" and also, we believe, "KATZ", whose handwriting is definitely different from that of Otto KATZ the Czecho-Slovak who has recently paid two visits to this country.

Major V. Vivian, C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

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In order to clear this matter up, I would suggest the following:

- a.) that enquiry through the French as to who lives at 306 rue St. Honoré, Paris, be made, and if there is a man called Otto KATZ residing there, is he identical with the photograph of Otto KATZ a copy of which is attached.
- b.) that a copy of KATZ's photograph, passport particulars and handwriting should be passed to the Germans and that they should be informed that we believe this to be the man formerly known to themselves and to us as "Rudolf", that we are not satisfied about his real identity, even though his Czecho-Slovak passport appears to be genuine, and that we should be very grateful for anything they could do to help us to clear the matter up. (It seems probable that the man is a Czech, since he spoke the language fluently when he was taken to the Consulate the other day.)
- c.) that we should ask the Czecho-Slovakian Consul here to ascertain whether the photograph on the passport 16/33 issued in Zurich is identical with the one supplied when application was made, and also the circumstances under which the passport was issued.

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As regards the other people mentioned in your report, I think it would be interesting to have any information that the Germans could give us about:

- (a) Gunter SCHULZ
- b) Sonia BAROFSKI-ZORGIEBEL
- c) Dr. Benedict FREISTADT
- d) Wolfgang DUNKER
- e) Heinz WILLMAN
- f) Franz WEISKOPF
- g) Frederic GRANZOV
- h) Babette GROSSE.

Photographs and handwritings, in addition to other details, would certainly be very useful in all these cases. I find that we have a trace in our records of Dr. B. FREISTADT, who was formerly correspondent of the Vienna Communist paper "Abend". He came over here in April 1925 ostensibly to report for his paper on the Elections.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. The matter of KATZ's identity has been complicated further by the interception of a letter going to Monsieur KATZ, at 306 rue St. Honoré, from [Carmel Haden GUEST] who is connected with the British Anti-War Council and the German Relief Committee and associated with British Communists. The contents of the letter are of no particular importance, but it begins "Dear Joseph". This may perhaps provide a further clue to KATZ's identity, if the French and Germans were informed.

P.P.S. I have just received your Cx.11700/V of 23.5.33. which does not, I think, materially affect anything in this letter. I am going through it very carefully and will let you have observations as soon as possible.

PF 40391

S.I. Form O.6.

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EXTRACT.

Relating To KATZ, Otto.

Extracted from S.P. 411/3, No. 5a.
 Author of original M.I.1.C. CX/ /v Place and date of origin 23.5.33.
I.W. 8.5.34.
 Extract made by _____ on (date) _____

M.I.5. (Captain Miller)G.P.U. and Comintern Activities.

In continuation of my GX/2099, dated 15.5.33., I attach herewith the Second Instalment of informant's statement, together with a set of comments which are being sent to who is handling informant.

As in the previous case I should, in due course, be grateful for any comments you may have, or any suggestions for amplification, not included in my comments.

..... [LUDWIG.] Very rarely wears uniform: but when he does, he carries one rhomb. He is one of the most important agents of the Foreign Department. Is decorated with the Order of the Red Standard. Specialist during 1927 for the Balkans and Southern Europe generally.

..... [MAXIMOV.] Military rank: but never wear uniform. Is nicknamed "Max". This man is rather a mystery. He is the "Personnel Chief" of the Foreign Department of the Heavy Industry Commissariat. He is entrusted with the job of choosing the engineers and workers of foreign nationality for the Russian heavy industry. He was in 1927 together with LUDWIG and they worked together. In 1932 informant saw him again in Berlin. He was then travelling under another name and with a Czech pass.

NOTE. It is possible that the above man LUDWIG is identical with Otto KATZ, alias RUDOLF.

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EXTRACT.

Relating To KATZ, Otto.

41664

Extracted from S.W. 411/3 No. 6a.
 Author of original M.I.L.C. CX/ /V. Place and date of origin 24.5.33.
 Extract made by I.W. on (date) 8.5.34.

M.I.5. (Captain Miller).

G.P.U. and Comintern Activities.

In continuation of my CX/ dated 23.5.33., herewith is the
 Third Instalment of informant's statement.

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LUDWIG. Informant first met this individual in Berlin in 1927. LUDWIG used to pass much of his time in the company of immigrants from the Balkans and Yugoslavia in particular. He is a close friend of a man who was connected with the blowing up of the Cathedral in Sofia. Informant eventually found out indirectly that LUDWIG was an important man in the 4th Department. He was the leader of the work of the 4th Department in South Eastern Europe and held this position from 1924. In about 1931 there seems to have been some sort of a difference between the 4th Department and LUDWIG. He started at that time to discuss economic subjects with informant and eventually found employment with the Gosplan. He was engaged in the formulating of all sorts of projects of an economic nature in this institute and held an executive position there. He wanted to get informant to work at this institute with him: but the latter declined. After some time he left the Gosplan and is now working in France for the G.P.U. Informant got to know this from the fact that GURSKI told informant one day that informant was probably going to be sent to France, to "work with LUDWIG, who has been sent there by the G.P.U.". Informant met LUDWIG for the last time in Berlin in 1933. LUDWIG is a Pole and a member of the Polish and Russian Parties. He gives one the impression of a business man. He has a good voice and is fond of singing. Round face, black smooth hair. Remarkably good teeth and fond of showing them. Has a great talent for fitting himself to his surroundings wherever he may be.

NOTE. The above man LUDWIG may possibly be identical with Otto KATZ, alias RUDOLF.

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EXTRACT.

Relating To Otto KATZ @ "Rudolf".

Extracted from ... O.F.16/1.Vol.3..... No.....131a.....
 Author of original M.I.1.c.(CX/ (V) Place and date of origin ... 23.5.33.....
 Extract made by ... BBT..... on (date) 18.11.33.....

SECRET.Card only Otto KATZ @ Rudolf
hereM.I.5. (Captain Miller)Activities of MUNZENBERG and his Group in Paris.

I attach herewith an interesting report received from
 the French authorities regarding
 the group of Communist emigrant leaders from Berlin, headed
 by MUNZENBERG.

You will note that Otto KATZ is still regarded as
 identical with "RUDOLF" and is, indeed, spoken of as "Rudolf KATZ".
 I do not know what ground, other than the statement handed on from
 yourselves, the French have for believing this, but we are
 writing on this point.

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(sd) V.V.
 Copy to I.P.I.

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WORKERS INTERNATIONAL RELIEF
 and the COMMITTEE in aid of the VICTIMS of GERMAN FASCISM.

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(12) Willi MUNZENBERG..... on 11.4.33. engaged a room at
 the Hotel Voltaire, 19, Quai Voltaire, Paris, where he remained
 until 6.5.33. Speaking but little French MUNZENBERG was
 accompanied by Otto (or Rudolf) KATZ (see below) who acted as
 interpreter.....

(14) On 6.5.33. KATZ and another individual called at the
 Hotel Voltaire and after a short interview with them
 MUNZENBERG packed his bag, paid his bill, and left with them,
 presumably for a foreign destination.....

Otto or Rudolf KATZ (or sometimes KATE) is described
 as follows:- height 1m70, medium build, blue eyes, black hair,
 fresh complexion. Has a scar on his face from nose to chin.

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THE COMMITTEE IN AID OF THE VICTIMS of GERMAN FASCISM.
 R. 3527. The Secretary General of the Central Committee
 is Rudolf KATZ.

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Relating To

Extracted from No.....

Author of original Place and date of origin

Extract made by on (date)

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(16) In addition to individuals mentioned in previous reports, KATZ met the following in Paris;

Alexander RADO, born at Upjest, Hungary on 1.5.99., domiciled in Vienna.

Hermann LAZAR or "LANIA", aged 36, born at Charkow, in the film business, a friend of Fritz KORTNER previously mentioned. Both stayed at the Hotel Majestic, Paris. KORTNER left Paris on 1.5.33. to return to Vienna: Dornbach Promenadengasse No.11. LANIA was also in close touch with Leopold SCHWARZSCHILD, a German newspaper man from Frankfurt, aged 42, and with Hans MEYER, @ MAY, a journalist, aged 47, born at Vienna and domiciled in Berlin. SCHWARZSCHILD and MAYER both lived at the Majestic, where the latter constantly met M.KUHNER, Austrian Consul General at Geneva.

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R.3527.

Noted
PP 4039
(C. Hazen)



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8/9.

27 Victoria Sq
S. U. I

Dear Jacob,

I received your letter
on Saturday after 12.
It is almost impossible to
do anything in London on Saturday
& Sunday - The Manchester
C. is closed during the weekend
I think you ^{can} get at the files
in the Paris Office which will
take time -

I went to the news branch
I found that the library that
contained the files was closed.

P959B

SPECIAL BRANCH

Ref. 300/WIR/32.

Date 18.5.33.

To M.I.5.

Otto
KATZ.

16th.

May,

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00/WIR/32.

Referring to M.I.5 letters, reference P.F.41664/D.S.9, and telephone message from P.S.Bridges, Romford, of the 16th. inst. :-

Otto KATZ arrived by Hillman motor coach at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, at 1.20 p.m., today, and proceeded to the Russell Hotel, Russell Square, W.C., where he registered as Otto KATZ, Czecho-Slovakian, and gave his last address as 306, rue St. Honore, Paris.

At about 2.30 p.m., Katz left and walked towards Kingsway. Accompanied by P.S. Wirdnam, I stopped him and told him I was a police officer, and requested him to produce his passport. He did so immediately. I told him that I would take this document to the Czecho-Slovakian Consulate, 18, Bedford Square, W.C., for examination. He offered no objection and readily accompanied me.

His passport No.16/33, in the name of Otto KATZ, was issued in Zurich on the 20th. March, 1933 and is valid until the 3rd. March, 1937, and shows that he was born at Jistebnice, near Prague, on the 27th. May, 1895. Mons. Vysekal, the first secretary at the Consulate, made a microscopic examination of the photograph, the fasteners which fixed it to the passport, the Consulate stamp, the holder's signature and the signature of the Czecho-Slovakian representative at Zurich, viz:- Mons. Holy, after which he had no hesitation in declaring that the holder was the person to whom it was granted and that the passport was genuine. Further, a specimen of his signature and hand-

writing, attached, was taken and the former is identical with that on the passport and, I am of the opinion, that it is not identical with the reproductions of the hand-writing as shown on 'A' and 'B' of M.I.5 letter dated 25th. April, 1933.

Mons. Vysekal closely examined the civilian suspect book and the deserters book at the Consulate and the name of Otto KATZ or Rudolf KATZ or 'Rudolf' was not traced.

The particulars taken from the passport are identical with those that appear in the police report of the 31st. March, 1933.

KATZ stated that he intended to stay about three days in England and the purpose of his visit to this country was to secure first-hand knowledge of post war conditions as he intends to write a book of fiction, one part of which will deal with London.

Herewith are photographs.

Alfred Waldman
Inspector.

Submitted.

R. Kitchener Inspector.

M.I.5

Do you still wish this man's particulars to appear in the Suspect Book?

A. J. Foster
SUPERINTENDENT.

Air Port of Romford.

Otto

16th.

May,

3.

Katz.

(Czecho-Slovakian)

With reference to Superintendent's memo dated the 11th of April, 1933, and in confirmation of my telephone message at 12.20 p.m., to-day:-

300/W.I.R./32.

Otto KATZ, a Czecho-Slovakian, in possession of Passport No.16133, arrived at this port at 12.5 p.m., by aeroplane from Paris. KATZ described himself as a "writer" and, questioned as to the object of his visit and length of stay, he informed the Immigration Officer that he was gathering material for a new book he was writing, and that he would probably remain in London for two or three days.

The ordinary search of baggage, conducted by H.M. Customs Officer, failed to reveal that KATZ had anything of interest to Special Branch.

He left for London by special motor coach, Index No. J.D.788, at 12.15 p.m., due at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, at about 1.15 p.m.

The description of KATZ as given in memo is a good one. He was dressed in a dark grey suit, dark grey overcoat, dark grey hat, red and white striped shirt, red and white bow tie. This man gave as his intended address, Russell Hotel, London.

I understand from "Hillman's Airways" that KATZ is in possession of a return ticket to Paris and his intended departure will be notified as soon as received.

J. Bridges
P.S.

[Signature]
SUPERINTENDENT.

18th.

May,

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ervation re

Otto KATZ.

With reference to Otto KATZ, subject of Special Branch suspect book:-

Further observation was kept this day respecting this man's movements, but he was not seen to visit any place or person of interest to this office, and at 12-30p.m. left Northumberland Avenue, W.C. on the "Hillman" London-Paris coach for Romford Aerodrome.

Information was later received from P.S. Bridges at Romford, to the effect that KATZ left that port at 1-45 p.m. by plane for Paris.

G. Hoare
P. C.

Submitted.

R. W. H. H. H.
Inspector.

SUPERINTENDENT.

SECRET.27
HOW 4831

PP. 41864/39.

18 May 1933.

To THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL, and all others whom it may concern,

I hereby authorize and require you to detain, open and produce for my inspection all postal packets and telegrams addressed to :—

Any Name,
305 Rue St. Honore,
Paris.

Cancelled 12.2.34

See 924 vol 12.

40 Edition Canefour
83 Boulevard Montparnasse,
Paris.

16.10.34. See 1408. in Vol. 2.

or to any name at that or any other address if there is reasonable ground to believe that they are intended for the said address.

and for so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

One of His Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State.

This is the address of Otto KATZ, the Czecho-Slovak representative on the Council of the W.I.R., who has been acting in a variety of ways, including loan of his passport, as cover for the Chiefs of that important Communist organisation.

Form S. 56.

P. F. 41664

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S.I. Form O.6.

EXTRACT.Relating to KATZ, OttoExtracted from... SF. 426/France, Vol. 3,..... No... 500, 460,.....Author of original... M.I. 5,..... Place and date of origin... 15.5.35...Extract made by... CMS,..... on (date) ... 29.8.33,.....Copies sent to... S.I.S. and Home Office,.....

... You may be interested in the following information:

It has been announced by the British Anti-War Movement ... that in Paris on August 6th, 7th and 8th, the youth of the world are to gather together to decide on ways of International co-operation in the fight against war and Fascism. An appeal has been sent out by the Organising Committee of this International Youth Congress to the workers and students in the British Isles.. .

In this connection we have heard of a project that on the 30th July, which is the anniversary of the declaration of war, the British National Committee has decided to organise a great demonstration in Hyde Park. They have asked the Comité Mondial de Lutte contre la Guerre Imperialiste, 237, rue Lafayette, Paris, to send over two important speakers to represent and to speak in the name of the International movement. They have further said that it would be well if the German enigma, i.e. presumably RUZENBERG himself, GIBARTI, or the man Rudolf, who recently came to this country on the passport of the Czecho-Slovak Otto KATZ, should attend.

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R.3526.

Copy in PF 47298 Rudolf FEISIMANN

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PF. 41664/DS9.

17th May 1933.

Dear V.V.,

A. Would it be possible to get the following information from the Germans:

PF39129 An impression as to whether there is any possibility of Rudolf, now as we know in Paris, being identical either with (1) [Isidor BARZILAI @ BERGER] second ~~as to~~ whether he may be identical with (2) the man called KRAUSS, regarding whom, as you know, anxiety, which we think means ~~that~~ ~~1941~~ is "underground" in some way, has been expressed by [Suzy HAMILTON's] uncle in Paris.

For your own information, the following further indications seem to point to one or other of these individuals as identical with Rudolf.

(1) ~~BARZILAI~~. An Indian stated that BARZILAI was known to Indians as Rudolf. This was confirmed by the examination of another Indian by the German Authorities when the man in question said that he was in touch with one Rudolf.

(2) ~~KRAUSS~~. When Rudolf came over here the other day on the Czecho-Slovak passport of Otto KATZ he was talked of once or twice under a name "something like KRASS."

B. Finally, and in the same connection, though in a different centre, we have just seen a letter dated Paris, May 12th, and signed Rudolf, in that individual's handwriting, which instructs the W.I.R. people here to send him a copy of the "Daily Telegraph" that he wants to the address: Mr O.KATZ, Paris, Rue St. Honoré 306, "who will give it to me then." This further confirms our opinion already amounting to certainty, that Rudolf and KATZ are separate individuals, but the address of the Czecho-Slovak may be of interest to your representative. I will see if we can get anything on it from here.

Yours sincerely,

H.M.M.

Copy filed in OF.16/1.

Major V.Vivian, C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

DEPARTURE.Copy of Card in Traffic Index.Port of Disembarkation
abroad

Le Bourget.

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PR 41664
(Katz)Name KATZ OHOAge 38 SexNames and ages of dependents
under 16 accompanyingOccupation WriterNationality CzechoslovakAddress in United Kingdom Russell Hotel, London.I.O. Stamp No. Port Rouen 16.5.33Description of passenger
and class travelled V.Other information 2-3 days

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Passenger actually embarked on 18.5.33
at Rouen for Le Bourget.

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You will be specially
interested in reference to
Otto Katz. M.H.B.

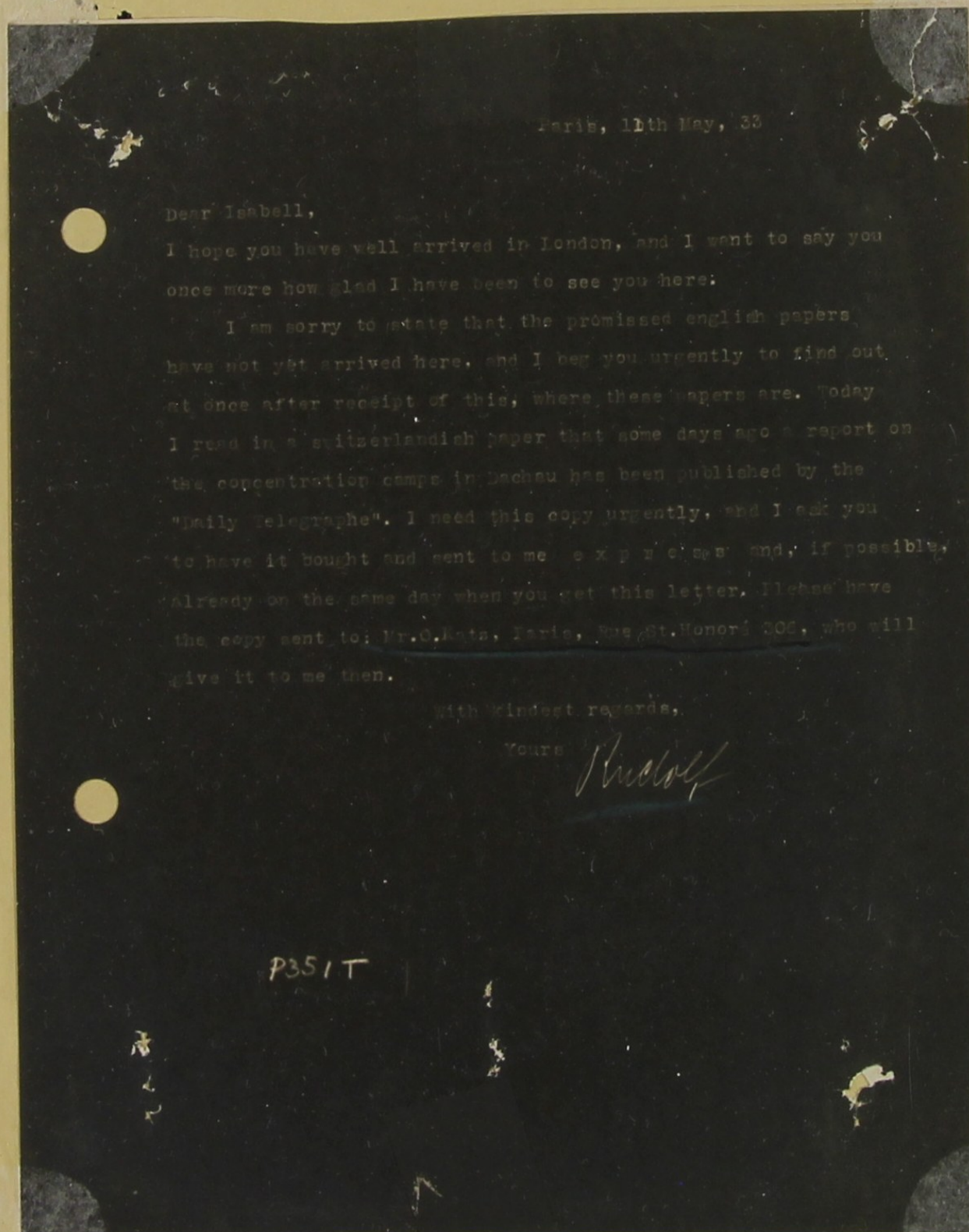
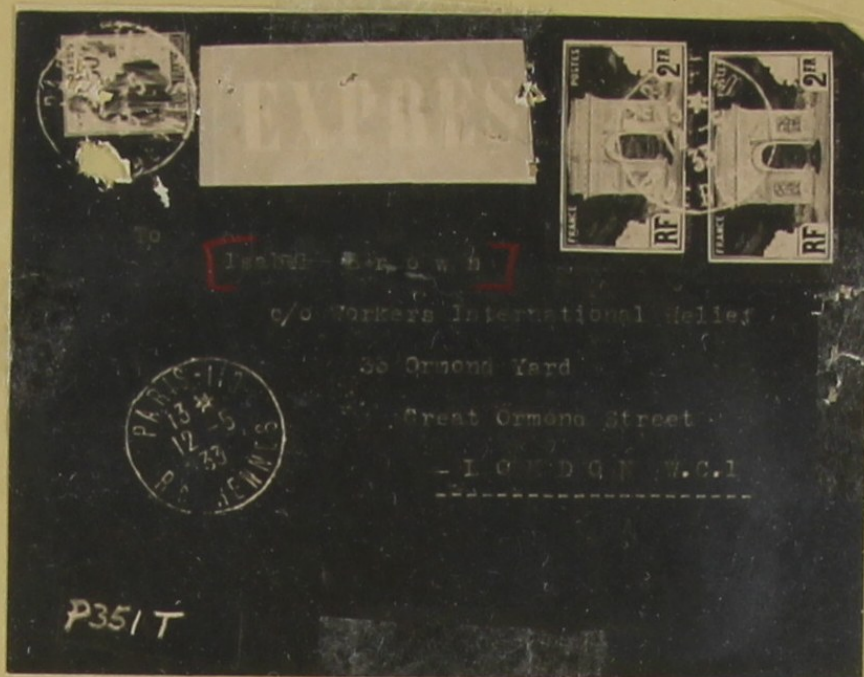
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Relating To Otto KATZ.

Extracted from .OF.16/1.Vol.3..... No.125a:.....

Author of original M.I.1.c.(CX/6690/V) Place and date of origin 11.5.33.....

Extract made by ...BBT..... on (date)25.9.33.....

SECRET.*Card only KATZ Rosenfeld*M.I.5. (Captain Miller)League against Imperialism Adherents in Paris.

With reference to your OF.16/1, dated 4.5.33., -

has explained confidentially the present situation in France in regard to German communists and the members of the League against Imperialism. He says that, for reasons of interior politics, possibly also out of weakness and certainly with a desire to annoy Hitler, the Radical Socialist Home Secretary, has, for the present, afforded these people a measure of protection on the plea that they are political refugees, to whom France has always given asylum. Any surveillance on their movements and activities and on those of their friends has, therefore, to be carried out extremely carefully.

(2) Nevertheless, a certain amount of surveillance appears to have been exercised as the following precis of two reports from will show:

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(ii) On 11.4.33. MUNZENBERG and KATZ engaged rooms at the Hotel Voltaire, 19, Quai Voltaire, Paris. KATZ, who described himself as a man of letters, born at Petinbitz on 27.5.95. and domiciled in Zurich, remained at the hotel until 19.4.33. He then stated he was leaving France. On 28.4.33. he returned to Paris from Amsterdam and took a room at the Hotel du Garage de Citroen, 270, Faubourg St.Martin. He seemed to be on very friendly terms with two other guests in the hotel, Gunter SCHULZ and Sonia BAROFSKI-ZORGIEBEL, who claims to be SCHULZ's wife.

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(v) KATZ had long talks at the hotel with another individual staying there, Kurt ROSENFELD, the well known lawyer from Berlin, ex-member of the Reichstag. ROSENFELD had, at least, one interview with Jean LONGUET.

(vi) None of the above mentioned, save KATZ, seems to have had any direct contact with MUNZENBERG.

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(viii)..... MUNZENBERG telephoned to a Pole named KORTNER staying at the Hotel Majestic. KATZ has also on several occasions telephoned KORTNER.

S.I. Form C.C.

23B

EXTRACT.

Relating To

Extracted from No.....

Author of original Place and date of origin

Extract made by on (date)

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(x) During 30.4.33. two long meetings were held in the large bedroom occupied by GRANZOV and WILLMAN N. MUNZENBERG, his woman secretary, KATZ, Gunter SCHULZ, Sonia BAROFSKI-ZORGIEBEL, and the 5 new arrivals (mentioned in para.ix) were present.

(xi) On 1.5.33. all these persons met again in the same room. Great precautions were taken by MUNZENBERG and his friends to prevent anyone overhearing their conversations.

(xii) After this meeting, which ended at 4 p.m., some of the delegates left Paris. KATZ and Sonia BAROFSKI-ZORGIEBEL immediately drove back to the Hotel du Garage Citroen and then to the Gare de l'Est to take train for Switzerland.

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(3)..... We are, however,..... also trying to trace the further movements of KATZ and Sonia BAROFSKI-ZORGIEBEL, who you will note left for Switzerland on 1.5.33.

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(5) As regards ^{see copy at 10A} "RUDOLF", we are, in accordance with your PFR. 3608 of 10.4.33., assuming that he is identical with Otto KATZ. I take it that there is no doubt of this. I have not myself thought it a question of doubt, but some of your references to "RUDOLF" and to Otto KATZ separately, since your letter PFR.3608 of 10.4.33., have made me think that you may have some doubts.

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(sd) V.V

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CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— Otto or Rudolf KATZ.

M.I.I.c. report,

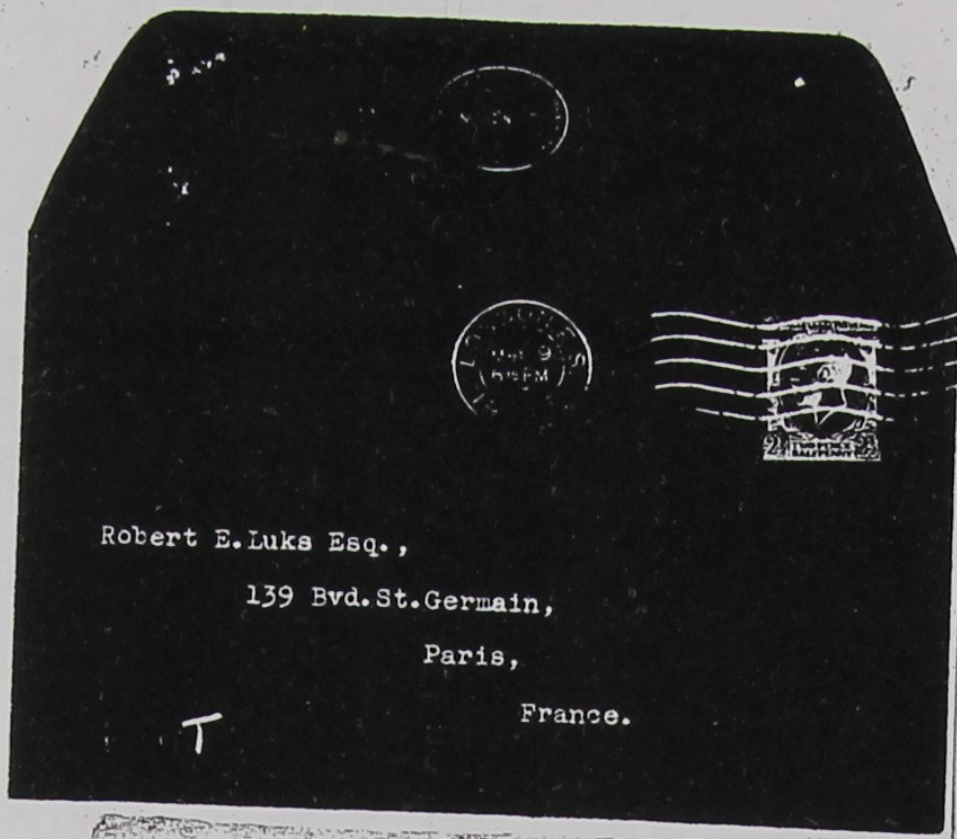
Mentioned as co-secretary with Francis JOURDAIN of the "Comite d'Aide aux Victimes du Fascisme Hitlérien".

Original in.....D.F.16/1. Vol.3. 123a.dated 10.5.33.

S. Form 81

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The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited,

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18, BIRCHIN LANE, LOMBARD STREET,

London, 9th May 1933.
E.C.3.Robert E. Luks Esq.,
139 Bvd. St. Germain,
Paris.

Dear Sir, We have your letter of 8th instant.
We beg to inform you that we have despatched a Telegraphic
Message to our Melbourne Office as follows:—

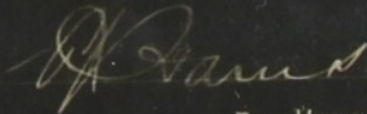
" Pay £35. to credit of Robert E. Luks at your office
He requests you to debit his account at your office
and pay £20. to B. Lawrence Park Street No. 79 South
Melbourne under advice. "

*This Message is sent on the understanding that it is entirely at your risk,
and that we are not liable for the consequences of any delay, mistake, or
omission which may happen in its transmission, or from its misinterpretation
when received.*

We have received from the Westminster Bank Ltd. the
sum of £80. which has been credited to your account here.

We have debited your account with £28., which @ 125
equals £35. Australian, and £1.10. 0. cost of the cable message.

Yours faithfully,



P. Manager.

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22F.

From "Rudolf" (KATZ)
Paris.

To [Reginald BRIDGEMAN.
53, Grays Inn Road,
London, W.C.1.]

Date of letter 9.5.33.

Summary of Contents

Thanks addressee for letter. Has heard from [Isabel] that the papers are coming. Wants to know as soon as possible the answers to his questions about the Reichstag fire as they want to get on with the book and the question of the case.

See Minute ()

BBT
6.12.33.

Initials.
(date)

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OF.16/1/DS9

10th May, 1933.

Dear V.V.,

With reference to your CX/6690/V, dated 5.5.33.,
I attach for your information an extract from "The New Leader"
of 28th April, 1933, referring to the Conference in Paris on
25th April. It seems probable that the three German
representatives who attended secretly would be Willi MUNZENBERG,
Rudolf and either L.GIBARTI or Edith. It seems probable also
that the unidentified Czecho-Slovak would be the real Otto KATZ.

Yours sincerely,

(sd) H.M.M.

Major V.Vivian, C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

^{Original}
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22E.

OF.16/1/DS9.

Superintendent Canning.

Special Branch.

In confirmation of Captain Miller's telephone message of 5.5. 33. to Chief Inspector Foster, [Isabel BROWN] of the W.I.R. appears to be going to Paris either on Monday, the 8th, or on Tuesday, the 9th instant. She is to be met at the station by the individual known as Rudolf, and believed not long ago to have come to this country as Otto KATZ. As we wish to establish the identity of this individual we have made arrangements for the French Authorities to help us in the matter at the Paris end. In the meantime, I should be obliged if you could do your best to have [Isabel BROWN] signalled across when she goes. The day is not quite certain. She said at the Passport Office she was going on Monday, but this may be misleading. The Authorities in Paris are being given [Isabel BROWN'S] photograph and description, the latter as given in the Suspect Book.

6th May. 1933.

(Sgd.) H.M.M.

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S.I. Form 0.6.

EXTRACT.

Relating to Otto KATZ @ RUDOLF.

O.P.16/1 Vol.3.

114a.

Extracted from..... No.....

Author of original...M.I.1.c.(OX6690/V.) Place and date of origin..5.5.33...

Extract made by...BBT on (date)7.12.35.....

Copies sent to.....

SECRET.

See (229)

M.I.5. (Captain Miller).Meeting in Paris of persons connected with the
Anti-War and Anti-Imperialist Movements.

.....

Our Representative in France confirms the fact that a meeting attended by a number of important persons connected with the Anti-War and Anti-Imperialist movements, was convened by BARBUSS at 237, rue Lafayette on 26.4.33.

.....

According to our Representative, the three German representatives who attended the meeting were surrounded by great secrecy but they almost certainly included Willi MÜNZENBERG. It is said that a Czechoslovakian Communist leader also attended, but he so far remains unidentified.

The first part of the meeting consisted of a discussion and condemnation of the Nazi movement in Germany.....

A special discussion took place in connection with the necessity for countering fascist influences, which were being very heavily brought to bear upon young students and workers.

.....

(su)

for V.V.

R.3526.

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22c

From "Rudolf" (KATZ)
Comite d'Aide aux Luttres contre Le Fascisme Hitlerien,
Paris.

To Reginald BRIDGEMAN,
53, Grays Inn Road, London, W.C.1.

41664

Date of letter 4.5.33.

Letter written in German.

Summary of Contents

Writer asks for an expert's view on the burning of the Reichstag. Says he wishes the enclosed questions to be answered both from the point of view of a lawyer and of a fire-expert.

Questionnaire.

1. How a badly dressed foreigner half blind and speaking bad German got access to the Reichstag?
2. Could a single man have prepared it ?
3. Could he prepare it so as to remain unnoticed?
4. How did he smuggle in material for burning.
5. At how many places must the fire be started in order to get a hold ?
6. How many accomplices, according to an expert, would be necessary to cause such a fire?

See Minute ()

Initials.
(date)

22B.

S.I. Form 0.6.EXTRACT.

Relating to Otto KATZ.

Extracted from... OF.16/1 Vol.3. No. 110a.
 Author of original... M.I.5/DS9. Place and date of origin... 4.5.33.
 Extract made by... BBT on (date) 25.9.33.
 Copies sent to.....

Dear V.V.

Reference your CX/6690/V dated 28.4.33.....
see 22A.

As regards Otto KATZ, the address 15, rue Lally Tollendal is confirmed, being that given on arrival here by "Rudolph", travelling on the Passport of Otto KATZ, though later, when confronted by the police he gave the address 139, Boulevard St.Germain.

As regards GIBARTI, the following are recent dates:

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- 19.4.33. Signature GIBARTI, but heading of letter Amsterdam, and handwriting believed to be that of Otto KATZ. Letter posted in Paris on 21.4.33.
- 21.4.33. Signature "per pro GIBARTI" posted Rue des St.Peres. Signature probable in handwriting of Otto KATZ.
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Yours sincerely,
(sd) H.M.M.

R.3526.

SZ/ P.F.41664 KATZ. 22

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— Otto KATZ.

Has been until recently staying at the
Hotel Helena, 15, rue Lally Tollendal, Paris.

Is stated to be in touch with a certain German
^{PF-42178}
(Communist woman secretary) referred to in a
previous report (not circulated), who runs
a service at 57 rue Charlot, relating to press,
propaganda and the despatch of literature.

SOURCE: CX/6690 (M.I.I.c. report)
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Original in SZ/ O.F. 16/1. Vol.3. dated 28.4.33. (108a)

M.P.-31-19548/1M W53

Chc S.
8.5.33.

21A

Original in
OF.16/1/DS9.

27th April 1933.

Dear I.P.I.,

I attach a note regarding Suzy RENOU, Gerald HAMILTON's wife, and "RUD", thought to be identical with Rudolf @ KATZ, Suzy's uncle, and a number of others, all thought to be engaged in connection with the expelled Germans of the League against Imperialism and W.I.R. in Paris in preparing matters for the Shanghai Congress to which Gerald and his wife are proceeding.

You will notice the phrase in the letter of April 21st instructing Gerald HAMILTON to sell machine guns and rifles to PATEL. Do you think that on this the India Office would be inclined to go a step further in asking the Passport Office to delete the Empire Wide Endorsements of HAMILTON and his wife?

Yours sincerely,

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Copy.

Original in
OF.16/1/DS9.

27th April 1933.

Copy to I.P.I. for information

Dear V.V.,

With reference to recent correspondence regarding Rudolf, a friend of Willi MÜNZENBERG in Paris, I attach for your information a copy of a letter with typewritten signature "RUD", dated 21.4.33 and addressed to Gerald HAMILTON, which may emanate from this person, likewise of a telegram despatched on the 22nd instant also signed "RUD" and from the service indications of which the French Authorities may be able to trace him.

The letter dated 21.4.33. has many curious points.

1. "SUZY", mentioned in the first and last paragraphs, is Suzy RENOU, the recently married wife of Gerald HAMILTON, who has lately come to this country with him and who proposes to go with him to Shanghai. This young woman has a relative, apparently an uncle, at the Société Immobilière et Financière D'Entreprises et de Prestations at 11bis, Rue Boissy-d'Anglas, Paris, telegraphic address Sifepresta-Paris, telephone Elysées 15-16. This uncle or relative seems to be exceedingly well informed regarding the doings of the group.

2. KRAUSS. This individual is apparently one Meyer KRAUSS, of whom we know only that his safety was a matter of very great concern on 21.4.33. to Suzy RENOU's uncle of the Société Immobilière, who wrote to Gerald HAMILTON about him with reference to some question which either the latter or BRIDGEMAN has been asking about an individual called KRAUSS "who coughed and limped". Clearly Suzy's uncle suspected treachery of some kind and the indications are that he believed that someone had been making enquiries as to Meyer KRAUSS in Brussels last year, but had directed these enquiries mistakenly to another man of the same surname, christian name Herman. In connection with Meyer KRAUSS it is worth remarking that Otto KATZ @ Rudolf was named KRASS when he turned up here at the end of March as Otto KATZ.

3. The conference at Brussels is that connected with the Anti-Fascist Congress etc. and the activities of the W.I.R. cum League against Imperialism group as a whole about which I talked to you on the telephone on 25.4.33, which was to have taken place at Brussels on that date but which actually, as we now learn, took place in Paris on the same day because the German delegates had found it impossible to go (? from Paris) to Brussels. The Conference was actually, therefore, changed to Paris, 237 rue Lafayette, 25th April, at 10 o'clock in the morning. There are strong indications that the man who attended it from the C.P.G.B. was J.R. CAMPBELL.

Major V.Vivian, C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

/4.

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4. THURACHT is pretty definitely identifiable with Walter THURECHT, mentioned as the confidant and fellow-worker of HAMILTON in previous correspondence, vide your CX/12650/256/V of 30.9.31.

5. Reggie NEWTON with an office in Long Acre may be R.A. NEWTON of that street who was in touch with WESTGARTH in September 1931 when he "lost" some documents belonging to the latter in rather suspicious circumstances. I have not made out whether he is in any way connected with Montague Noel NEWTON of the "Mr. A" case.

6. LEHMAN is John LEHMANN, recently in Vienna, who is apparently desirous of going to Shanghai with HAMILTON and is being asked to put up £1,000 as his share of the expenses. You may remember his letter mentioning Willi the Mixer and the Yoshiwara.

7. PATEL is undoubtedly V.J. PATEL who had trusted to meet Gerald HAMILTON over here but has been taken ill and has had to go to Vienna for an operation.

8. HOBBS is quite possibly William Copper HOBBS of the "Mr. A" case and who was, at the time of that case at any rate, a great frequenter of Paris. In this connection see NEWTON above.

9. ETTLINGER is probably Lionel ETTLINGER of Berlin, who in War years was noted as connected with the German Socialist Minority Party. He is a German subject, having been denaturalised as a Britisher in July 1919. He contributed £1 to the British Anti-War Congress funds in 1932.

10. The Colonial Bureau is presumably the "Comité d'Amnestie et de Défense des Indo-Chinois et Peuples Coloniaux", vide your CX/6690/V, dated 5.4.33.

11. Rud. We take this man to be Rudolf @ Otto KATZ, regarding whom we have had correspondence. It is worth mentioning however, that in a previous letter to Gerald HAMILTON from Suzy RENOU she used the phrase "mon oncle a parlé avec Leonard." It seems possible that Rud might be this individual, who if we are right in our conjecture that Rud equals Rudolf @ Otto KATZ, would be the man we are after. x

Altogether it is a pretty kettle of fish, and I think the whole business merits close enquiry.

Yours sincerely,

H.M.M.

x "Rudolf LEONHARDT" was mentioned in a list of pink intellectuals who attended the meeting of a Comité d'Aide aux Luttres contre le Fascisme Hitlerien which met either at the W.I.R. headquarters in Paris or at 26 rue Vavin, Paris V on April 1st, 1933

COPY.

Paris, le 21 Avril 1933.

Mon cher GERALD,

Rien reçu vos deux lettres.

SUZY partira demain matin via Dieppe avec les papiers nécessaires c'est-à-dire son passeport et son acte de naissance que le Consul d'Angleterre dit être suffisants. Cependant elle aura encore un papier certifiant qu'elle est bien célibataire (délivré par le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères).

Merci pour le tabac.

Je suis inquiet concernant KRAUSS; si vous avez une réponse de lui télégraphiez-moi à Bois-Colombes ainsi que la date à laquelle la conférence à Bruxelles aura lieu.

La lettre pour THURACHT part aujourd'hui.

Regie NEWTON a son bureau à Long Acre.

LEHMAN. - Amenez-le aussitôt que possible; pour s'associer il lui faut 100,000 Francs (à la rigueur 1,000 livres).

PATEL. - Tachez de lui vendre des fusils et des mitrailleuses.

HOBBS. - J'espère la voir bientôt à Paris.

ETTLINGER. - Pas de nouvelles de lui.

COLONIAL BUREAU. - J'espère que nous réussirons avec KRAUSS; dans ce cas votre affaire sera réglée.

CONTRACT DE MARIAGE. - Suzy le signera ici devant le Consul si c'est nécessaire. Tachez de lui obtenir un passeport anglais.

RUD.

COPY.

TELEGRAM.

(1204) PARIS 53318 9 22^o 1915

HAMILTON LONDON FLAXMAN 6266.

WHY NO LETTER TODAY RUD

19A

PF. 41664/DS9.

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Superintendent Canning.

Special Branch.

With reference to Captain Miller's telephone conversation of 21.4.33., I send you herewith the reproductions of the hand-writing of the individual whom we believe to be the legitimate holder of the passport used by Rudolf @ Otto KATZ when he came over here the other day.

We have numbered the reproductions (a) and (b). (a) we make out to be the name KATZ, (b) is f. Willi **K**. If you compare the k. of (b) with that of (a) I think you will see that they are the same, as is, I think, the general character of the hand-writing.

H.M

25th April 1933.

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From "Isabel" (BROWN)
London.

To The Secretary, S.C.I.,
114, Bde de la Villette, Paris
(Inside Envelope addressed "RUDOLPH")

Date of letter 24.4.33

Summary of Contents

Writer states that they have approached several lawyer people, but have got nothing definite fixed. [Sir Stafford CRIPPS] is in agreement with the project, but feels he cannot give the time necessary to it. They are approaching [Mr. PRITT, K.C.] but have not yet got a definite answer. They will let addressee have it as soon as possible.

Acknowledges copy of the pamphlet "La Peste Brune".
The Matinee project goes very well

"On the press you required, we have attended to that and are sending the copies to you now".

"We are sending the message to America as you suggest".

See Minute ()

BBT
16.11.33.
Initials.
(date)

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18A

Note.

The following deductions are made from the hand-writings in (this file.) ^{of 16/1} ^{inst. 16/1}

1. As regards 96a, the address on the envelope is in the hand-writing of Rudolf who came here as Otto KATZ. This is based on comparison with Rudolf @ KATZ's Landing Cards..

* see specimen "A" attached
2. The signature of the document at 96a, repeated in 95a (note headed April 12th), is thought to be that of the actual Otto KATZ. It is in any case that of the "f. WILLI k." signatures as 95a, 88a and 81a, the document on which the last named appeared being enclosed in an envelope "for our Friend" i.e. Rudolf @ Otto KATZ.

3. As the "KATZ" and "f. Willi k." hand-writings coincide so the W's in the latter and their general nature differ from the W's and the general nature of the hand-writing at 96a, identified as that of Rudolf @ KATZ.

4. Neither the hand-writing of Rudolf nor the KATZ "f. Willi k." hand-writing is identical with that of L.GIBARTI with its lumpy down strokes and loops.

5. It seems clear that the Czecho-Slovak KATZ must have lent his passport to Rudolf @ KATZ, and that the Paris group is constituted as follows:-

- a. [Willi MUNZENBERG.]
- b. Rudolf.
- c. The Czecho-Slovak KATZ.
- d. [L.GIBARTI.]

S.9.
22.4.33.

18A

Specimens of handwriting of
"KATZ"

transferred to
Identical Envelope.

17a
PF. 41664/DS9.

Superintendent Canning.

Special Branch.

Further to my PF.41664/DS9 of 12th April 1933 and with reference to Rudolf @ Otto KATZ, in case this individual comes again as indicated on the Otto KATZ passport, I attach for comparison of signature etc. on the latter a photographic copy of the landing card which he made out on his last visit. If he arrives, could the opportunity be taken to take a copy of the photograph on his passport?

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21st April, 1933.

16A

Copies of Landing Card of OTTO KATZ.

LANDING CARD FOR NON-BRITISH SUBJECTS.

EMBARKATION CARD.

From DUNKERQUE

This card must be filled in by each passenger landing. (Ce questionnaire doit être rempli par chaque voyageur au débarquement).

Port of embarkation abroad.
Port d'embarquement à l'étranger.

DUNKERQUE.

Surname in Block Letters.

(Nom en caractères gros)

Christian Names (Prénoms)

Names and Ages or dependents under 16 accompanying.

Nom et âges des dépendants qui ont moins de seize ans

Age 38 Sex (Sexe) man

Occupation writer (writer)

Nationality Tschoslavique

Nationality at Birth

Nationalité

Nationalité de naissance

Proposed Address in United Kingdom

Adresse proposée dans la Grande-Bretagne

Signature

Signature du Voyageur

(32) EMBARKATION CARD FOR NON-BRITISH SUBJECTS.

To DUNKERQUE.

Carte d'Embarquement pour tout voyageur qui n'est pas de nationalité britannique.

Einschiffungskarte für nicht britische Staatsangehörige.

—MX—429

IMPORTANT. This card must be filled in before arrival at the English port, otherwise passengers are liable to be delayed.
AVIS IMPORTANT. Pour éviter tout retard M.M. les voyageurs sont instamment priés de remplir cette carte avant d'arriver au port d'embarquement.
ACHTUNG. Diese Karte muss vor Ankunft im britischen Abreisenhafen ausgefüllt werden, sonst können die Reisenden Verzögerung erleiden.

Port of Disembarkation abroad
Port de débarquement à l'étranger
Ausländischer Ankunftshafen

Dunkerque

Surname in Block letters

Nom en gros caractères

Familiennamen in Druckschrift

Christian Names (Prénoms) (Vornamen)

Accompanied by the following children under 16

Accompagné par les enfants énumérés ci-après ayant moins de 16 ans.

Mitreisende Angehörige unter 16 Jahren

Age (Alter) 38 Sex (Sexe) (Geschlecht) man

Name

Age

Nom

Age

Name

Alter

Nationality Tschoslav.

Nationalité

Nationalität

Class travelled

Classe de billet

benutzte Klasse

3.

Address in United Kingdom

Adresse en Grande-Bretagne

Adresse in Grossbritannien

Signature

Signature du Voyageur

Unterschrift

Description of Passenger
and Class travelled

Immigration Officer's
Stamp.



10 days hol
(return ticket)

IMP. L. DANIEL, LILLE

Description of Passenger
and Class travelled.

Immigration Officer's
Stamp.



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20th April 1933.

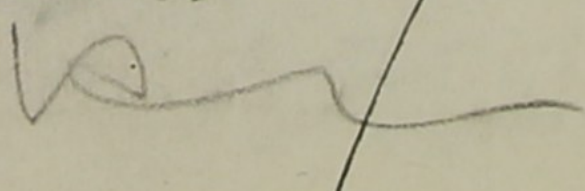
Dear V.V.,

With reference to the activities of the Central Committee of the W.I.R., now in Paris, a new "United Front" organisation appears to be the Comité d'Aide aux Luites contre le Fascisme Hitlérien, of which [Francis JOURDAIN] is secretary and the address is 26 rue Vavin, Paris V. My impression is that the organisation is new in title and address only. Rudolf @ Otto KATZ appears to take an active part in the work of the office, where it seems probable that he is to be found.

A letter regarding the Anti-Fascist Congress signed per [pro Willi, i.e. Willi MUNKENBERG] purported to be written at Amsterdam on the 13th instant. It was, however, posted, as in the case of previous W.I.R. headquarter documents, in Paris, on this occasion in the postal district rue de Rennes, presumably in the 6th arrondissement.

Rudolf @ KATZ is busying himself with the organisation of an international system of ^{legal procedure} ~~law~~ which is to be the chief corner stone of their fight. He is in communication with [BRIDGEMAN] with a view to getting hold of a prominent English jurist who could be got to take part. He regards it as essential to have the collaboration of an English lawyer of standing.

Yours sincerely,



Major V. Vivian, C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

(Gewichtsverfahren)

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From "Rudolf" (KATZ)
114, Bde de la Villette, Paris

To "The Editorial Board of "Storm",
33, Ormond Yard, London, W.C.1.

Date of letter 18.4.33.

Summary of Contents

Encloses copy of the first number of "Unsere Zeit".

Asks for an article to be urgently contributed by addressees for the No.3. issue of this periodical, dealing from their (W.I.R.) point of view with the questions of international policy, particularly the MacDonald plan, The American economic conference, the Mussolini-Hitler-Dollfus negotiations, the Anglo-Russian situation and the situation in the Far East. At present the "Unsere Zeit" is at present the only revolutionary marxist review published in German.

See Minute ()

Initials ^{BBT}
16.11.33
(date)

SECRET.

SP. 41664/DB9.

13. April 1933.

To THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL, and all others whom it may concern,

I hereby authorize and require you to detain, open and produce for my inspection all postal packets and telegrams addressed to :—

Any Name,
139 Boulevard St. Germain,
Paris.

or to any name at that or any other address if there is reasonable ground to believe that they are intended for the said address.

and for so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

One of His Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State.

This address has been given as that of Otto KATZ alias "Rudo" of the Central Committee of the Workers' Internationa. Relie one of the principal Communist "United Front" organisations.

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From "Rudolf" (KATZ)
Paris.

To Reginald BRIDGEMAN,
53, Grays Inn Road, London, W.C.1.

Date of letter 14.4.33.

Summary of Contents

"Lieber Freund Bridgmann,

Wie Du weisst, sind wir eifrig an der Organisierung des internationalen Gerichtsverfahrens. Das muss in unserm Kampfe zum Haupt-und Eckpfeiler werden.

Selbstverstaendlich ist die Gewinnung eines hervorragenden englishen Juristen von ausschlaggebender Bedeutung. Ich bitte Dich also uns postwendend mitzuteilen, ob Du einen solchen "Anwalt Kennst, den wir fuer diese Sache gewinnen koennten. Ich bitte Dich, bejahendenfalls sofort mit ihm zu sprechen, denn ohne den Englaender koennen wir nicht arbeiten.

Bitte erledige diese Frage ganz dringend.

Mit bestem Dank und vielen Gruessen

"Rudolf".
grossen juristen ?ocler.

See Minute ()

Initials. BBT
(date) 15/11/

13B

P.F.41664.

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— Rudolf KATZ.

N.601.K.

Intercepted letter from "Rudolf", Paris,
to BRIDGEMAN, dated 14.4.33, regarding the
organisation of an international system of
law.

Original in.....O.F.16/1, Vol.3, 97a.....dated.....14.4.33.....
M.J.E.B.
20.4.33.

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P.F.41664.

CROSS-REFERENCE.Subject:— Rudolf KATZ.

N.516.K. An intercepted letter from the Comite d'Aide
aux Luttres contre le Fascisme Hitlerien, Paris, to
BRIDGEMAN and dated 12.4.33, was signed by
"Rudolf".

Original in.....O.F.16/1, Vol.3, 94b.....dated.....12.4.33.

M.J.E.B.
20.4.33.

S. Form 81

12^a

PF. 41664/DS9.

Superintendent Canning.

Special Branch.

A man calling himself Otto KATZ, but who is known among the comrades both here and abroad as "Rudolf", is going to make an attempt to return to this country very shortly in connection with affairs of the W.I.R. and German Relief Committee. There is good reason to suspect that this individual may be using the passport of the Czecho-Slovak, KATZ, who is on record as having a few years ago been the representative of the W.I.R. in the Balkans. We are doing what we can to identify him positively, so far without success, but if we can get at his identity by any means we will let you know. It is suggested that if and when he comes he should be confronted and his passport taken for verification to the Czecho-Slovak Embassy. A close examination of how the photograph is fixed on is also suggested.

O. A. H.

12th April, 1933.

Y. Original filed in P.F.R.3608 MUNZENBERG W. Vol.1.80b.

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FR.3608/DS9

12th April, 1933.

Dear V.V.,

With further reference to the whereabouts of [Willi MUNZENBERG] in Paris, I have just seen a letter stating, at the end of last month, that he was sending material to the W.I.R. here "for our friend". This was undoubtedly "Rudolf" @ Otto KATZ referred to in recent communications.

The postmark on March 30th was as rue Danton, a post office in the 6th arrondissement, i.e. still on the left bank, but to the south of the Boulevard St. Germain instead of, as later, to the north.

Yours sincerely,

(sd) H.M.M.

Major V. Vivian, C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

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Personal M/2

April 10th 1933.

re Rudolf Katz: (Personal M/12^m March 31st)

It is confidently reported that this man is going to make attempts to return to this country very shortly in connection with the affairs of the WIR and German Relief Committee.

Route GOVT. Serial No. 62510. No. of words 17.

From RUDOLPH PARIS.

To [ISABEL BROWN 33 ORMOND YARD LONDON.]

Date 8.4.33.

No. _____

LETTER RECEIVED SEND IMMEDIATELY THIRTY COPIES EACH APPEAL
SUBSCRIPTION SHEET.

RUDOLPH.

Copy in OF. 16/9.

Original in
PFR.3608/DS9

10th April 1933.

Dear V.V.,

3608. With further reference to the whereabouts of Willi MUMKENS in Paris, on 6.4.33. two letters were posted in the district of the Boulevard St. Germain District Post Office. One, mentioning him, was from "Rudolf" of the W.I.R., his close companion and co-signatory of the letter mentioned in my PFR.3608/DS9 of 6th April. This man is clearly identical with Otto KATZ, bearer of Czecho-Slovak passport No.16/33, who landed at Folkestone on 29.3.33. and left again on 31.3.33. after long consultations with the W.I.R. people here. His passport description is given to us as follows:

Born 1895. Height 5'6"-7". Medium build, pallid complexion, light blue eyes, scar running from under left nostril to right side of chin. Dark hair tinged with grey at edges. Dress bluish grey trilby hat, black suit, black mixture overcoat, blue and white square check silk scarf. Black shoes and bluish-grey spats.

As regards the date of birth above, it should be noted that informants describe him as much younger. *They also called him "Rudolf".*

The other letter was addressed to the "Daily Worker" and enclosed an article by Willi MUMKENS. The Boulevard St. Germain Post Office is in the 7th arrondissement and not far from the Rue des St. Peres Post Office, where the joint letter of "Rudolf" and Willi was posted. It looks very much as if they were together and living in that part of the world. KATZ when he was here, registered his last address as Rue Lally Tolendek 15, Paris (14me), but told Special Branch that he was living at 139, Boulevard St. Germain.

It is important to locate Willi because he is very definitely the head of the show, at any rate as far as the Communist International "United Front" organisations are concerned. A letter to Isobel BROWN a few days ago referred to him as the "boss".

The surmise regarding Rudolf LEONHARDT in my PFR.3608/DS9 of 6th April does not seem to hold.

Yours sincerely,

V. Vivian, C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

COPY. Photostat filed in O.F.16/1 Vol.3.89a.

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From: "Rudolf" (KATZ)
Paris.

To: Isabel BROWN,
Workers' International Relief,
33, Ormond Yard,
London, W.C.1.

Card only KATZ here

5.4.33.

Dear Isabel,

Please excuse my not writing before, but I was very busy. Lord, MARLEY arrived here and we have had several interviews with him. Further interviews are to take place to-morrow and after to-morrow. As soon as definite decisions have been taken, we will inform you. The boss (Willi MUNZENBERG) has no objection that you, in order to put your own finances in order, use 75% of the funds collected before the formation of the relief committee (i.e. about 35 pounds to your share) for your own work.

The relief committee in France is doing very good work. Over one thousand subscription lists have already been distributed. Yesterday I got 50 pounds from Henry D. HARBEN, to whom BLEWITT had given me a letter of introduction. HARBEN has no objection to your making use of this fact.

In order to prevent all misunderstandings, I repeat that of all funds collected after the formation of the relief committee, 15% may be deducted for organising expenses, and the rest is to be sent here. I hope the first instalment has already been sent off.

The latest from America is that a broad committee has been organized with Theodore DREISER as chairman. A drive for funds has been started with excellent results. Particularly favourable reports reach us from Scandinavia, where the relief campaign is progressing on the broadest of lines. The same is the case in Spain, where Ortega y GASSET, a radical socialist M.P. heads the movement.

Mrs. HADEN GUEST has written to me. Will you please give her my best greetings. We have written to Ernst TOLLER and asked him to undertake a lecturing tour in England on the German situation. As far as I am informed, TOLLER is very popular in England. I will let you know as soon as possible we get his consent.

As to the promised photos, I am sorry not to have been able to keep my word, but I could not get them earlier than to-morrow, when I shall send them to you.

[^{of 16/1} Enclosed] you find the latest list of atrocities. These facts are vouched for. I should recommend that you submit them not only to the "Daily Worker" but to some other papers as well. At the same time I recommend that you have these reports be published under the heading "The German Relief Committee states:..."

Will you please inform Mrs. GOLDSMITH that I could not see her husband as he had left Paris.

I hope and am convinced that the rate of progress of the German relief campaign has not slowed down. We have informed all our other sections of the splendid results obtained by the British Committee.

With best greetings,

"Rudolf".

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French WIR

From **[ISABEL]** WORKERS INTERNATIONAL RELIEF LONDON
 To S.O.I. BOULEVARD DELAVILLETTE 114, PARIS.
 Date 30.3.33.
 No.

FURTHER TO REPORT FIRST MEETING INTELLECTUALS
 ORGANISATION LAST NIGHT ISABEL RUDOLPH GERMAN
 RELIEF COMMITTEE FORMED FIFTY FIRST CLASS
 SIGNATURES MANIFESTO COLLECTION TO DATE OVER
 FIFTY POUNDS COMMITTEE PLEDGE THOUSAND POUNDS
 MAY HONORARY COMMITTEE LEADING NAMES FORMED
 TOMORROW FRIENDS AGREE

[ISABEL]

*Seen.
 H. H.
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Personal M/2

Sg 5746

March 31st 1933.

Ref. Personal M/12 of yesterday:

Confirmation regarding the International delegate from the WIR has been received from M/2.

This man attended a meeting of the German Relief Committee held in the Club Room at the Conway Hall on Wednesday, March 29th, in the evening. He was referred to as "Rudolf" (see following report from M/12). This man was said by ^{H.S.} [Dr. Boyde] to be going on to Paris on either Thursday or Friday. He has been going to various countries throughout Europe during the last few weeks or months, and has been assisting in setting up International and National German Relief Committees in France, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium and Czecho-Slovakia, finishing up in England.

Unfortunately, with regard to the description of the man, a considerable discrepancy exists between the descriptions furnished by M/12 and M/2, and circumstances are such that it is not possible in the time to check these over individually. The description given by M/2 differs in the estimated height, which M/2 gives as 5'10"; differs in the colour of the eyes which are given by M/2 as dark; and finally, strange to say, M/2 makes no mention of the duelling scar. However, there would seem to be no doubt whatever about the identity of the man, and it seems certain that M/12 and M/2 both saw the same individual. It is possible that the discrepancies are accounted for by the fact that on one occasion the man was seen in daylight and on the other occasion by artificial light.

In case you should wish to have this man observed, I give the additional details included in the description by M/2:

Squarish face; high forehead; straight lipped mouth; eyes very dark blue or hazel; long thin hands and fingers; speaks English a little, understands very well; intellectual type; when seen was dressed in a dark suit; black shoes, fawn spats, blue shirt and collar, dark bow tie, navy blue overcoat, black trilby hat with circular dent.

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It is possible that the International representative may attend a meeting of the Working Committee of the German Relief Committee on Friday night, March 31st.

Report from M/12 received 31/3/33:

The International representative of the WIR would seem to be Rudolf Katz, or Kratz, and it is believed that he is to meet ^{PP 38727} Lord Marley at 6 p.m. today (Friday, March 31st) at the house of ^{PP 40391} Mrs. Haden Guest, 34 Victoria Square, S.W.1. PP 40391

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SPECIAL BRANCH

Ref.

PF 41664/1359

Date

31. 3. 33

To M.I.5.

Otto

31st

March

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ATZ.

While I was keeping observation in the vicinity of Ormond Yard, W.C. at 2pm, this day, I saw a man who resembled the description of Katz, alight from a taxi-cab. I challenged him, and he produced Czecho-Slovakian passport No. 16-33, issued to Otto KATZ, at Zurich on 20-3-33. This passport indicated that he was born at YISTERMICE, near Prague on 27-5-1895, and had been unconditionally landed at Folkestone, (I.O.9), on 29-3-33.

He was also in possession of 15 day excursion ticket, Paris to London and return, No. 143, and stated that he is returning to Paris, via Folkestone and Dunkerque by train which leaves Victoria Station at 11pm, to-day.

His luggage, consisting of a large fibre suit case is deposited at Victoria Station under receipt 'G. 5046'.

Katz stayed at the Royal Hotel, W.C., where his last address is registered as Rue Lally Tolendal, 15, Paris, whereas he informed me that his address in Paris was Boulevard St. Germain, 139.

The object of his visit is stated to be in order to write a book of experiences as a traveller.

His description is as follows:

Born 1895. Height 5'6"-7". medium build, sallow complexion, light blue eyes, scar running from under left nostril to right side of chin. Dark hair tinged with grey at edges. Dress bluish-grey trilby hat, black suit, black mixture overcoat, blue and white square check silk scarf. Black shoes and bluish-grey spats.

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He does not appear to fully comprehend the English language, and speaks it poorly.

I kept Katz discreetly under observation and he was seen to enter 33, Ormond Yard, W.C., the headquarters of the W.I.R. Isobel BROWN was also seen to enter shortly afterwards.

W. Whitehead
Sergeant.

Submitted:

Ch. J. Foster
Inspector.

L. J. G. G. G.
SUPERINTENDENT

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From "Rudolf" (KATZ)
Paris.

To [Isabel BROWN,
c/o W.I.R.,
33, Ormond Road, London, W.C.1.]

Date of letter 1.4.33.

Summary of Contents

"Dear Isabel,

On my return here I should like to thank you once more for your hospitality. Our boss wants me to congratulate you with the splendid success of the W.I.R. in the matter of the German relief committee. All the questions you would like me to answer will be discussed tomorrow and I will immediately inform you of the results. For to-day only so much, that remittances for the German relief campaign are to be sent to the following address: Secours Ouvrier International, Bld. de la Villette 14, Paris. I told the people here of your promise to send the first instalment on Monday, April 3rd. Another thing I want to remind you of is that [MAXTON, FENNER BROCKWAY,] [Hermon OULD] must be made to confirm their participation in the committee. Please don't forget to ask all those who have already joined for fresh names and addresses. Professor LEVY promised me to collect more names, and so did GOLLANCZ. You can get in touch with these two through [HADEN GUEST]. To-morrow or after to-morrow I shall see [Lord MARLEY] and write to you immediately afterwards. Once more, thank you and all our friends for your hospitality.

With best greetings,
Rudolf".

Encloses a short report on the committee meeting held there that day.

See Minute ()

Initials. BBT

(date) 15/11/33

PF.41664/DS9

Superintendent Canning,
Special Branch.

In confirmation of Captain Miller's telephone message this morning, an international representative from the W.I.R. Central Offices, recently in Berlin but now transferred to Paris, is believed to have arrived in this country on Tuesday March 28th.

His name is thought to be Rudolph KATZ, and he may be identical with one KATZ who was, in 1931, on the Executive Committee of the W.I.R. as its Balkan representative. His description is as follows:

Age about 25; height 5'7-8"; medium build; dark short hair; pale complexion; light eyes. One informant says he has a large duelling scar cutting right across his face. Another denies the existence of this scar.

This man visited the League against Imperialism office at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 29th March, and had an interview with SHUBE. He was then accompanied by Isabel BROWN, and had just come from the W.I.R. offices.

He is said to have been a delegate to the Amsterdam Anti-War Conference.

This man is believed to be here secretly. He is to attend a Committee Meeting of the W.I.R. to-night, 31st March, and is also expected to go at 6 p.m. to Mrs. Hayden Guest's house, 37 Victoria Square, where he will meet [Lord Marley].

If he has come above ground it will of course not be possible to do more than follow him up and see where he goes.

With reference to what you said about a German who was to address an anti-Fascist meeting in the Park on Sunday next, it seems just conceivable that if the above is not the man, he may be the English speaker of the two young German students referred to in the "Manchester Guardian" of 25th March under the heading "Escaped Students Story". This man spoke in the Clerkenwell Institute at a meeting organised by the W.I.R. there on the night of the 24th.

31st March 1933.

PF 40391

PF. 38727

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Mr.Canning said they had that afternoon challenged a man called Otto KATZ who had duly landed on the 29th. He is a Czecho-Slovak, born near Prague, bearer of Czecho-Slovak passport. He gave his address as 138, Boulevard St.Germain, Paris. He is returning to Paris to-night via Folkestone and Dunquerque. His landing appeared to have been in order. Superintendent, promised a full report later.

(sd) H.M.M.

31.3.33.

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Telephone message from M. 31.3.33.

The German nobleman will probably meet ^{PF 38727.} [Lord Marley]
^{PF 40391.} at [Mrs Hayden Guest]'s house, 37 Victoria Sq, at 6 p.m.
tonight. His name is Rudolf KATZ or KRATZ.

Discrepancy in description - one person noticed a
large scar right across face. Another person noticed
no scar at all!

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CROSS-REFERENCE.Subject:— Otto KATZ @ "Rudolf".

30.3.33. Circular letter from [Romain ROLLAND] & [Henri BARBUSSE] protesting against the Fascist activities in Germany was sent to [Isabel BROWN] from the W.I.R. in Paris, for delivery to "our friend" (= Rudolf @ Otto KATZ)

(S.I.: W.I.R., Paris, to Isabel BROWN, 30.3.33. - M.591.C.)

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15.11.33.

S. Form 81

Personal M/12

March 30th 1933.

re International representative WIR:

It is believed that a foreigner, an International representative from the WIR, is at the present moment in England. He probably arrived in this country on Tuesday, March 28th, and he is alleged to be in this country for the purpose of organising an anti-German boycott. This man visited the LAI offices at 2.30 p.m. yesterday, Wednesday 29th March, and had an interview with Comrade [Shube]. He was accompanied by [Isabel Brown] and had just come from the WIR offices. He was very anxious to get in touch with [Bridgeman], who was to put him in touch with [George Lansbury]. This man's name was heard once, but not very clearly. It sounded something like Comrade Krass. It is known that he was a delegate to the Amsterdam Anti-War Conference, and the following is a description of him:

Age about 25; height 5'7-8"; medium build; dark short hair; pale complexion; light eyes; most noticeable feature is a large duelling scar right across his face from one side of his nose over the mouth to the point of the chin, going from left to right.

The arrival of this comrade is to some extent confirmed in a letter written by [Gerald Hamilton] on Friday last, March 24th, from the country address of Henri Barbusse, where he and other comrade appear to be in refuge. In this letter Hamilton stated that he had received instructions to travel to England to assist in organising an anti-German boycott, that he would be prevented from coming on Monday 27th as he had hoped, but that he would arrange for someone else to come in his place.

Those concerned with this foreign representative of the WIR appeared to be most anxious to keep his movements quiet.

Later may have England tomorrow - Friday or Sat
He is definitely supposed to be here
possibly. Will attend the meeting. W.I.R.
Friday night, if still here. "M."

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P.F.41664.

CROSS-REFERENCE.

Subject:— Otto KATZ.

KATZ, representing the Balkan Countries,
attended a session of the Executive Committee of the
W.I.R. held in Berlin on the 19th and 20th May, (or
March) 1931.

Original in.....SZ/1283,.....Vol.4,.....dated.....1.7.31,.....

M.J.E.B.
17.10.33.

S. Form 81